• EU recognizes Israeli

war crimes

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A leaked 2024 EU internal audit report found that Israel committed “war crimes” in Gaza.

This further demonstrates that EU leaders support and cooperate with Israel, with full knowledge of the genocidal crimes committed against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza. They are complicit in genocide and must be investigated for complicity in Israel's war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Last April, under pressure from grassroots movements and civil society, the Netherlands formally requested a revision of the EU-Israel Association Agreement due to 'possible violations' of Article 2, which states : 'Relations between the parties [EU and Israel], as well as all the provisions of the Agreement itself, will be based on respect for human rights and democratic principles.'

17 of the bloc's 27 foreign ministers supported the decision, while the usual suspects, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Cyprus, voted against it.

Kaja Kallas, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, is expected to present the findings of this evaluation at the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 23 June, as well as a set of recommendations on the measures to be taken once the evaluation is finalised.

After Russia exposed the racism and utter hypocrisy within the EU just days after its invasion of Ukraine, the EU imposed far-reaching and crippling sanctions on Russia and its companies, universities, cultural centers, etc.

For comparison, despite the science through internal audits and reports from the UN and international human rights organizations that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza are the

The EU and its Member States have been arming and financing the EU for more than twenty months and protect apartheid against Israel's genocide in Gaza. They volunteered contributed to the US-Israeli extermination of Palestinians and to the undermining the foundations of international law and human rights.

The EU is Israel's most important trading partner, with a trade relationship worth more than € is worth 45 billion Through the EU-Israel Association Agreement, Israel enjoys preferential access to the EU market and resources, including funding from the Horizon program. Israeli universities receive a higher percentage of the total budget than even German, British, or French universities!

According to the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion of July 2024, third parties, including States, have a legal obligation "to take steps to prevent trade or investment relations that contribute to maintaining the illegal situation created by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

Dozens of UN human rights experts have said that all States, in order to comply with their obligations arising from the judgments of the International Court of Justice, "shall improve **economic relations, trade agreements and academic relations with Israel that could contribute to the unlawful presence and apartheid regime in the occupied Palestinian territories, must be annulled or suspended ."** In addition, they must **impose a complete arms embargo on Israel, including all arms agreements, import, export and transfer, including that of goods for dual use, are discontinued ."**

The Palestinian National BDS Committee, the largest Palestinian coalition of civil society organizations and leader of the global BDS movement, calls on individuals of conscience and civil society organizations, particularly trade unions, to pressure the EU institutions and all its member states to fulfill their obligations under international law by imposing the necessary accountability measures against apartheid in Israel.

In the run-up to the EU Foreign Affairs Council, we call for **the cancellation of the EU-Israel Association Agreement .** There can be no more business as usual with the 77-year-old Israeli regime of colonial oppression of the indigenous Palestinian population.

Maintained by the Palestinian National BDS Committee (BNC), the coalition of Palestinian organizations that leads and supports the BDS movement, and by the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI), a member organization of the BNC.
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